(b) the number of posts of officers filled and the number of posts lying vacant out of them;

(c) the reasons for not giving these officers in full number for the State; and

(d) the details of the action being taken for removing this shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The number of posts of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Indian Police Service (IPS) authorised for Chhattisgarh cadre after formation of the new State in 2000 was 100 and 59 respectively. After the cadre review, this has been increased to 138 and 81 respectively in January, 2004.

(b) The number of officers in position in IAS and IPS as on 1st January, 2005 is 85 and 58 respectively.

(c) and (d) Cadre review is held to consider the requirement of the State for the next five years. Hence, additional posts created on cadre-review are to be filled in a phased manner during the five years from the date of issue of notification.

Posts Reserved for SCs/STs

†1789. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Personnel has centralised the list of officials of Central Secretariat Services Cadre;

(b) if so, the department-wise, post-wise and category-wise (Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes) details of the posts sanctioned, vacant and filled up;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the posts reserved in various departments have not been filled up so far; if so, by when these posts would be filled up and to what extent the seniority list would be covered according to category and posts; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that in the case of promotion on the reserved posts, the basis of roster point is taken into consideration; if so, the details of the latest position in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) The Government had constituted a Committee on Cadre Restructuring of Central Secretariat Service (CSS), which submitted its report in February, 2002. Various recommendations made by the Committee were examined in detail and finally the Government took several decisions in October, 2003 to restructure the CSS comprehensively. These decisions, *inter alia,* included following:

(i) To provide inter cadre transferability at the level of Section Officer and Assistant;

(ii) To centralize the cadre management, including postings of the CSS personnel in the CS Division of Department of Personnel & Training (DOP&T).

2. While the Group 'A' posts of CSS [Grade-I (Under Secretary) and above] and Central Secretariat Stenographer's Service (CSSS) [Principal Private Secretary (PPS) and Senior Principal Private Secretary (Sr. PPS)] are centralized with the DOP&T, the posts in other Groups ('B'/'C') of CSS/ CSSS/Central Secretariat Clerical Service (CSCS) continue to remain with the 33 cadre authorities on decentralized basis, who would be responsible for day to day administrative functions, including maintenance of recruitment roster and reservation roster for SCs/STs.

3. As for filling up the vacancies in various categories, it may be stated that while in respect of Group 'A' posts of CSS and CSSS, DOP&T initiates the proposal in accordance with the rules and instructions; in respect of other Groups ('B'/'C') of CSS/CSSS/CSCS, the vacancies are reported by the 33 cadre authorities having regard to instructions on reservation and the DOP&T acts as a nodal Department. Filling up of the vacancies in various grades of CSS/CSSS/CSCS is an ongoing process and action is taken from time to time in accordance with the extant instructions. Reservation for SCs/STs is provided on the basis of post based rosters as per the Government's instructions.

Extension to Secretaries

1790. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: